

REMARKS

Claims 13-23 remain in this application. Claims 13-15 and 17-23 have been amended. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 23 is directed to allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action dated July 19, 2004, the Examiner indicated that independent claim 23 of the present application was allowed. Claim 23 has herein been amended for grammatical/clarification purposes only, whereby no new matter has been added thereby. In addition, claims 13-22 (which previously depended from independent claim 12) have been amended so as to now depend from allowable independent claim 23.

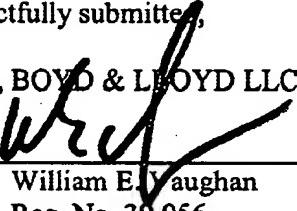
In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently-pending claims of the present application should be deemed allowable, and therefore respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further noted that no fees are due in connection with this response at this time. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket Number (0112740-168) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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